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From: Melinda Becker  
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Date: January 16, 2004

Subject: Notice of Public Hearing for a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* to incorporate minor revisions to the Ballona Creek and Wetland Trash TMDL

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region (Regional Board) will consider a proposed amendment to the *Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region* (Basin Plan) to make minor revisions to the Ballona Creek and Wetland Trash Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL). Additional regulations or policies, consistent with the general purpose of the proposed amendment and complementary to the proposal may be developed at the hearing as a logical outgrowth. The Regional Board will act on the proposed amendment after hearing staff's presentation and public comments. Copies of the proposed resolution, Basin Plan amendment, staff report, CEQA checklist and Notice of Filing can be obtained from the Regional Board website at [www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4) (scroll down to "Updates and New Items"). Please contact Melinda Becker at 213-576-6681 for additional information or to obtain a hard copy of the documents.

***A Public Hearing will be held on March 4, 2004  
at 9:00 a.m. at  
The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Board Room,  
700 North Alameda Street, in Los Angeles.***

Written comments and exhibits must be submitted to the Regional Board no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 2, 2004. Failure to comply with these requirements is grounds for the Board to refuse to admit the proposed written comment or exhibit into evidence (California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 649.4).

Comments should be submitted to:

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ATTN: Melinda Becker

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All exhibits including charts, graphs and other testimony presented at the public hearing must be left with the Regional Board for inclusion in the Administrative Record. Please note that the Regional Board may impose time limits on oral testimony at the public hearing.

### Background

The Regional Board adopted the Ballona Creek and Wetland Trash TMDL on September 19, 2001. The TMDL was approved by the State Water Resources Water Quality Control Board on February 19, 2002, by the Office of Administrative Law on July 18, 2002, and by the United States Environmental Protection Agency on August 1, 2002.

This proposed Basin Plan amendment would provide minor revisions to the Ballona Creek Trash TMDL to revise the definition of “Full Capture Devices”. “Full capture devices” are one of many methods that may be employed to comply with the TMDL Waste Load Allocation. The existing TMDL requires full capture devices to have a design treatment capacity of not less than the peak flow from a one-year, one-hour storm (determined to be 0.6 inch per hour for the Los Angeles River, and assumed to be similar for the Ballona Creek watershed). The proposed modification to the TMDL would change the term “Full Capture Devices” to “Full Capture Systems” and would provide more specific information as to how the one-year, one-hour storm event is to be calculated and also provides more updated information on the one-year, one-hour rainfall intensities for subdrainages within the Ballona Creek watershed. The proposed modification incorporates the Isohyetal Map for Los Angeles County, as published by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works as the information source for the one-year, one-hour rainfall intensity. The amendment would provide clarifying language and incorporate updated information on rainfall intensities within the watershed.

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